

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 6, 2017

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 6, 2017 with Commissioner Krehbiel and Commissioner Westfall present. Commissioner Hague was absent. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel stated that Halstead EMS has agreed to cover the EMS service for the City of Sedgwick until at least June 30.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the Parks Board met last week and they recommend postponing a decision on the Parks recreation pass until the Camp Hawk sale issue is resolved.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he received a call from Jack Kelly with the Federal Farm Office informing him of a meeting at 6 p.m. on March 16 at the 4H building regarding burning.
4. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, stated that Harvey County is currently in an Extreme Fire Danger zone with today and tomorrow forecasted as having the greatest threat. He submitted a Declaration of Disaster Emergency to proclaim a burning ban for 1 week, March 6 through March 13. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the declaration as presented and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Gary also submitted a Proclamation of Local Disaster Emergency for the chairman to sign.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend the Kiwanis Club meeting today at noon.
2. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend a REAP meeting with the Reno County Commission tomorrow in Hutchinson.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that Harvey County EDC is hosting a meet and greet event with Kansas Department of Commerce Secretary Soave on Wednesday, March 29 from 5-6 p.m. at the Meridian Center.

Minutes of the February 27 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator, presented a notification from the Harvey County EDC that the terms of two Harvey County representatives on the EDC board will expire in April. He stated that the two positions are currently held by Ray Penner who has served since 2005 and Mindy Budde who has served since 2015. The commissioners requested that Anthony check with Ray and Mindy to see if they would be willing to be re-appointed.
2. Anthony presented the Sales Tax Collections report for February. Sales tax collections are up for the month and year to date compared to last year.
3. Anthony reported that a tornado drill for the courthouse is scheduled at 10 a.m. tomorrow to coincide with the statewide tornado drill.
4. Anthony introduced Dan Bronson who will begin work on March 13 as the Assistant County Administrator, filling the position he previously held.
5. Commissioner Westfall welcomed Anthony to his first meeting as County Administrator.

6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented the proposed invitation to bidders for a new Motor Grader for the Road & Bridge Department. The invitation includes the trade-in of a 1993 Caterpillar 140G Motor Grader. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m. on March 24 and will be opened on March 27. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and send the invitation to bid for a new Motor Grader. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to waive the second reading of the Recommendation for Appointment and re-appoint Zachary Phillips to the Parks Advisory Board for the term 3-1-2017 to 2-28-2020 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Anthony presented a proposed appointment for a member of the Harvey County Advisory Committee for Prairie View. The recommendation is to appoint Dave Anderson to replace the position previously held by Dave Reimer. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to waive the second reading and appoint Dave Anderson for the term May 2017 to May 2020 to the Harvey County Advisory Committee for Prairie View and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the disc golf tournament that was held at Camp Hawk over the weekend was well attended despite the high winds.
10. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported to the commission in their capacity as the local Board of Health that there are currently no reports of mumps or scarlet fever in Harvey County.
11. Gary Denny introduced Brian Ellis who has been hired as the Special Projects Coordinator in the Emergency Management Department. He stated that Brian previously worked for the Sedgwick County Fire Department.
12. Gary reported that March 5-11 is Kansas Severe Weather Awareness week. He also stated that about 120 people attended the Annual Severe Weather Awareness/Storm Spotter Workshop conducted last week. Gary stated his department is aggressively monitoring weather and fire conditions with the fire extreme danger level.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$100,238.14 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Shelton, Harvey County Economic Development Executive Director, and Jennifer Mueller, Assistant Director, Retention and Expansion Specialist, and a number of EDC board members presented an update on the current status and goals and projections for the EDC. Jennifer reported that one of the goals of the retention program is to visit with each current business in the county quarterly to discuss their needs and complete a questionnaire. She stated that several businesses are hiring and expanding or planning to expand their operations in the county. Commissioner Westfall reported that he has received a lot of positive feedback from businesses in the county regarding the retention program. Beth presented and discussed some of the prospects on the project tracker report. She stated that they have run advertisements in the local newspapers to market their services and they are planning to create some aerial footage videos to market industrial sites in the county such as the KLP. Beth invited the commissioners to meet and greet event with Kansas Department of Commerce Secretary Soave on Wednesday, March 29 from 5-6 p.m. at the Meridian Center and the pre-event workshop from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. Beth stated that the EDC is concentrating on assisting existing businesses with expansion, workforce development, retention and recruitment and are more

engaged in local and regional meetings and conferences. EDC Board member, Ray Penner, stated that the county benefits from a regionally focused economic development plan.

Lynnette Redington and Mark Bowman, Health Department Fiscal Management Coordinator, presented a grant application for approval by commission in their capacity as the Harvey County Board of Health. The grants are provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The total amount requested is \$266,022.69 which includes an increase in the amount requested for chronic disease risk reduction. They stated that the county match for these grants is included in the 2017 budget. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the grant application and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier presented a plan to remove bridge C-21.1 on SE 84th St. from the KDOT 80-20 program and alter the 2017 Reinforced Concrete Box (RCB) program to include this structure. He stated that the replacement of C-21.1 is included in the 2017 CIP budget. Jim stated that the C-21.1 structure can be redesigned as an RCB and the cost savings from the new design would fund replacement of four additional structures. He also reported that contractors are currently aggressively seeking projects which should provide additional savings to fund the program. He stated that the proposed RCB plan includes five total structures: (1) C-21.1 on SE 84th St. just east of S. Kansas, which is a fracture critical 3 ton bridge; (2) 26-G.91 on N Rock Rd. just south of SE 24th St. which has been closed for several years; (3) 2-H.2 on S. Wheat State Rd. just west of the City of Burrton which will need to be closed soon if not addressed; and 2 bridges which are inadequate in size, (4) L-15.2 on NE 24th St. just east of N. Emma Creek Rd. and (5) 2-A.2 on S. Wheat State Rd. just north of SW 125th St. He suggested that the program be presented as one contract to replace all five structures. The commissioners agreed to approve the plan as presented and proceed with instructing MKEC to proceed with the design and bid specifications for the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson


Absent
Randy Hague, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member